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Letter dated 27 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the French and English versions of the declaration on recent events in South Africa issued by the European Community and its member States on 25 September 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 38.

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ANNEX

Declaration on recent events in South Africa issued by the European Community at Brussels on 25 September 1993

The Community and its member States warmly welcome recent events in South Africa, which have enabled Mr. Nelson Mandela, President of the ANC, to call in New York for the lifting of all economic sanctions still in force vis-à-vis his country. They consider these events as the culmination of the first phase of a process that will lead to non-racial democracy in South Africa.

The Multiparty Negotiating process at Kempton Park has now led to the decision to create a Transitional Executive Council. The Community and its member States express the hope that, once the Council is in place, it will be able to fulfil the historic task that the parties to the negotiating process have reserved for it, namely, to be the first step in representative government and to facilitate the transition to a democratic order in South Africa.

The Community and its member States appeal to all parties to continue their efforts and call on all South African political forces to participate in the process of transition to ensure that all agreements reached in the multiparty negotiations are adhered to, to put an end to violence and to participate fully in the emerging democratic life of their country.

The Community and its member States recall their decision of 8 June 1993 to adjust their policy towards South Africa concurrently with developments in that country towards majority rule and democracy. They note with satisfaction that other important partners have recently announced that they will lift the economic sanctions still in place, as the Community and its member States have done before. As to other measures, the Community and its member States will shortly consider further steps in line with the decision of 8 June 1993.